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Dear Mr. Stacey,

I am encouraged to hear that critical streamflow regulations are almost complete. Please continue to work to get this task finished without weakening these rules. It is important that water be protected from corporate interests and remains plentiful for all citizens.

However, I urge you to eliminate the class 4 designation that could potentially put at risk the Quinnipiac and other urban rivers. This river runs through my town and benefits our residents and businesses in many ways. It is now the focal point of a new restaurant, Kess's Café. It is also a stopping point for all who walk through the village of Plantsville as we continually check to see if fish are swimming under the bridge. It adds a beautiful soundtrack for those of us who like to walk near it. In the future, other businesses and individuals are likely to discover its soothing qualities, but only if it is protected and allowed to flourish.

Please don't abandon this river and others like it. They are critical to future townspeople who will fall in love with them and want to spend time by their sides, listening, looking, and enjoying what mother nature provides.'

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Sincerely.

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